



SCHOOL WORK: Mrs. Donald Adkins and Mrs. Scotty Taylor were two of the mothers who contributed their time to cleanup Benton Harbor junior high school after weekend attack by vandals. The malicious mischief kept children out of classes Monday, so Mrs. Adkins and Mrs. Taylor went to school to help wipe up the mess.

Vandalism At Second BH School

Mothers Help Clean Up At Junior High

More vandalism was discovered in a Benton Harbor school this morning as police found an outside water tap running and several broken windows at the Henry C. Morton annex, Territorial road.

The faucet in an outside stairwell was turned off before serious damage resulted. Custodians mopped up the water that had dripped into the basement before classes started. The Morton annex in the former Grace Lutheran church at Territorial road and Forest avenue houses seventh grade and special education classes.

Meanwhile, Benton Harbor junior high students returned to classes today after the Broadway school was closed Monday because of a weekend attack by vandals. A group of mothers turned out to help custodians clean up the mess that resulted from the discharge of fire extinguishers and turning on a hose sometime Sunday night.

WANT SCHOOL OPEN

"We just want our children to be able to get to school again as soon as possible," Mrs. Donald Adkins, of 672 Columbus avenue, said yesterday as she slid a wash rag over a desk caked with chalky sodium residue.

Mrs. Adkins was echoing the sentiments of several mothers who had donated time to help clean up Benton Harbor junior high school after the latest incident of vandalism shut down classes there yesterday.

However, principal Winston Ferris said that school would be



REMOVING THE RESIDUE: Mrs. Donald Preston wipes off sodium residue left from fire extinguisher sprayed by vandals at Benton Harbor junior high. A corps of mothers turned out to help get school in shape for reopening today. (Staff photos)

open today. Sunday night a fire hose on the building's third floor was left running in the hall for several hours. When maintenance man Larry LaVanway entered the building Monday morning, water had seeped through to the second and first floors.

He reported that water was two inches deep in sections of the cafeteria and three inches deep on the first floor girl gym. Other damage included broken windows, and damaged

office machinery. The employing of fire extinguishers was responsible for the sodium residue on chairs and desks.

DAMAGE COSTS \$500

Edward Troffer, director of the school system's buildings and grounds, estimated that "not including water damage" the vandalism cost the system about \$500.

He said that ceilings and floors would have to dry before an accurate estimate can be

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THE HERALD-PRESS

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Post Office Battle Resumes

The Nixon Administration takes up the cudgels again, predictably in this week, in a battle which two predecessors have lost.

This is finding the means to make the Post Office work better than it is.

Twenty years ago, when Harry Truman was President, the Hoover Commission recommended the Post Office be taken out of politics.

In 1967 Larry O'Brien, the Postmaster General briefly and a Democratic campaign strategist full time, urged the creation of a federal corporation to handle the mails.

A special commission appointed by Lyndon Johnson followed up with a similar recommendation in the ensuing year.

LEJ forwarded the commission's findings to Congress, but as an outgoing President in a campaign year raised no issue on a perennially sticky problem.

Nixon as a Republican Chief Executive now steps toward a breach which two Democratic Presidents recognized but could not leap.

The Department's difficulties are an old hat story, varying only from year to year in their cumulative effect.

The year in which O'Brien, a most skillful politician admitted he could not cope with political problem, the Post Office racked up a \$1.2 billion deficit.

Last year, following massive rate increases, it is estimated the deficit will still run half as much. This forecast can not be verified until the government completes its audit for the 1968-69 fiscal year.

Despite a certain amount of automation and the employment of faster delivery methods, the Department is not keeping up the rising demands placed upon it.

Every critic of the system agrees on one point. Unless the system is revised drastically or preferably a substitute found for it, collapse is a fast approaching fact.

O'Brien and Nixon's Postmaster General, Winton Blount, are in complete partisan agreement to create a government corporation and to remove the Department from the Cabinet.

They advocate a plan somewhat similar to the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Congress established the TVA in the early New Deal days as a specially chartered organization to supply cheap electricity to the drainage area of the Tennessee river.

Although private power advocates note the TVA does business tax free, it is a fact that the TVA is a solvent operation. Long ago it paid back to the Treasury the seed money appropriated to find it and finances today's improvements from earnings.

Unlike the PO, the TVA does

not require an annual monetary shot in the arm to keep going.

The reason for this success is almost entirely in the management of the two systems.

TVA has a board of directors through Presidential appointment. The directors hire the professional managers, set rates and perform all the other duties common to management in private business.

The comparison to the PO is the difference between success and failure.

The President names the upper management in the PO and that's as far as the analogy to business-like procedure goes.

Congress, for practical purposes, runs the business from day to day.

It sets the postal rates, determines the pay schedules, decides equipment and delivery methods, and determines where and when a post office shall be located.

The fact of a local postmaster becoming a Civil Service employee once he receives his appointment means nothing. His job may not change occupants as White House tenants do, as was the method until some 30 years ago, but neither he nor his superiors on up to the Postmaster General are masters in the house which is created for them.

Congress has steadfastly resisted surrendering this control over the Department even though a desperate public some time ago said the time has arrived to change things which Ben Franklin, the first Postmaster General, created.

The Post Office was the first and only communications system for an early day America. The postmaster and the letter carrier were a Congressman's most reliable contact with the home folks.

Although these facts have all but disappeared, time honored ways of thinking die hard.

Just enough of the old time pork barreling remains to convince most Congressman in both parties they might go the way of all flesh if the Department was put on a professional basis.

Another source of opposition is the myriad unions among the postal employees who feel it is easier to pressure the average Congressman than it would a manager in a federal postal corporation.

The Department gets the blame for unsound practices forced upon it by its bosses in the legislative branch and until this insidious control is removed, the public will continue to pay more for deteriorating service.

Stanley Siegal, a professor in the U-M law school, who has a hobby of studying the Department, says this of today's conditions:

"The task is not to transform the Post Office into a model of American enterprise, but simply to stave off rigor mortis."

YANKS HIT NAZI CITIES

—25 Years Ago—
An armada of up to 1,000 American Liberators and Flying Fortresses smashed railroad

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUIK!
1. What is the lightest known wood?
2. What is the commonest disease in the world?
3. Are marlin and sailfish classified as swordfish?
4. What was the first coast-to-coast paved road in the United States?
5. How large is Alaska in comparison with Texas?

IT HAPPENED TODAY
On this day in 1896 the first intercollegiate bicycle race was held.

BORN TODAY
Jay Gould was a financier in capital letters.

Although he left school at the age of 16 this high school "dropout" became one of the biggest money men of the 19th century.

Gould began as a surveyor and prepared maps of counties in New York, Ohio and Michigan. In 1863, at the age of 27, he was appointed manager of the Rensselaer and Saratoga railway. He bought and reorganized the Rutland and Washington rail-

ways. He changed his base of operations to a brokerage in New York City and, in 1868, he was elected president of the Erie railway. He and James Fisk, Jr., soon gained control of the Erie.

Apparently that is the nub of Thieu's desire for a meeting with President Nixon. While Nixon has reiterated that the U.S. would "not abandon the South Vietnamese people," his recent peace program opens the door wider to the possibility of a coalition than has any previous American proposal.

The purpose of the Midway meeting will be to sustain the Thieu government while continuing to encourage Hanoi and the NLF to negotiate a political settlement.

Biologists estimate that there are 25,000 species of fish.

The sale of \$5 million of fraudulent stock led to Gould being forced out of the company and he was compelled to make restitution.

With Fisk in 1869 Gould began to buy gold in the hope that, with the advance in price of gold, wheat would advance to such a price that western

GLANCING BACKWARDS

TO CONTINUE BEACH CHARGE

—1 Year Ago—

St. Joseph will continue to charge out-of-town residents \$1 for parking autos in Lions, Tiscornia and Riverview parks Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from Memorial day to Labor day. Benton Harbor has rescinded parking fees at Jean Klock park throwing the gates open to all at no charge.

St. Joseph residents can pick up park passes starting Memorial day, Robert Nagle, superintendent of parks, announced.

STEVENSVILLE DOG IS 'BEST HOUND'

—10 Years Ago—

"Oursler's Zonzo" of Mel-Ann Acres Bassets, Jericho road, Stevensville, was judged Best Hound in show Sunday at the Steel City Kennel club Puppy Match in Gary. The seven-month-old female Bassett hound, sire Hoosier's Zealous Zipper, Dam, Eylanders Naughty Lady, won her class, Best of Breed and went on to take the hound group.

Mel-Ann Acres is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Mel Thain. Their 5-year-old son Pete trained, groomed and handled Zonzo. In seven shows Pete has won three first, three seconds, a Best of Breed and a Best of Hounds as well as a fourth place in junior handling.

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targets at four German towns and aircraft plants in two French cities today in a powerful renewal of the Allied pre-invasion aerial battering of Hitler's Europe. The German centers of Karlsruhe, Mannheim, Ludwigshafen, and Saarbrucken, and aircraft plants at the French cities of Metz and Strasbourg were pounded by the giant forces.

Britain-based heavy craft were grounded yesterday because of weather conditions, but the Allies kept the day-night assault thundering with attacks on Europe by lighter craft from Britain and with Italy-based four-engined bombers striking southern France rail centers.

PIONEERS' DAY

—35 Years Ago—
Three Oaks is ready for the

SELLS CHEVRON

—55 Years Ago—
The Goodell and Kolberg auto agency here has sold two Chevrolet cars to Mark Shearer of Royalton township and Julius Schinner of the Lake Shore drive.

BATTERED FLAG

—75 Years Ago—
The flag over the Hotel Whitecomb still floats but its comb is nearly wiped out by the strong winds of late.

THE FAMILY LAWYER

Kissing Cousins'

May relatives marry each other? A quaint clue to the law's attitude may be found in an old Latin phrase, "jus osculi," which means "the right to kiss." If the two relatives do have a right to kiss, like "kissing cousins," then they do not have a right to marry.

In more specific terms, marriage is usually forbidden between relatives closer than first cousins. As for marriage between first cousins, the states split fairly even on that question.

LEGAL CONSEQUENCES

Occasionally, as in the famous story of Oedipus, the two parties marry without realizing their close relationship. But in the typical case, they go ahead in full awareness of the facts.

Accordingly, neither one of them is likely to make any complaint to the authorities.

Nonetheless, there may still be serious legal consequences. Take this case:

Two first cousins were wed, in a state where this was forbidden, and lived together for several years. When the husband was killed in a job accident, the wife applied for workmen's compensation as his widow.

But in a court test, her claim was denied because they had never really been married in the eyes of the law. The court said the parties could not make valid what the law made invalid.

STRICT VIEW

In another case, an uncle married his niece. Later, the uncle decided to seek an annulment on grounds of their kinship. Even though the niece pointed out that he himself had agreed to the marriage, the court granted him the annulment he wanted. Again, the court said such a marriage is simply null and void.

In most states and in most situations, courts continue to take this strict view of the matter. In part this reflects ancient religious restrictions, going back to the biblical Book of Leviticus. In part it reflects the fear that the offspring of closely-related parents are more likely to be defective. As the poet Byron once put it:

"Marrying their cousins—nay,

their aunts, and nieces,

Which always spoils the breed,

if it increases."

YOUR FUTURE

You will now be reaping the results of recent hard work. Today's child will be a very hard industrious worker.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

The Leaning Tower of Pisa is believed to date from the year 1174.

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

INDUCE — (in-DOOS) — verb; to lead or move by persuasion or influence as to some action, state of mind, etc.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1. Balsam.
2. Dental cavities or tooth decay.

3. Yes.

4. Lincoln Highway.

5. Alaska is more than twice the size of Texas.

Fool'scap

Fool'scap is a writing paper, usually folded.

Turku, Finland's second largest city, is also its oldest.

DR. COLEMAN

.. And Speaking

Of Your Health

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There are many medical and surgical conditions that defy exact diagnosis and, unless the condition is definitely established, treatment cannot be sound.

More and more of the modern techniques of examination of the inside of the abdomen with special dyes and radioactive substances can outline the stomach, the gall bladder, the kidneys, and the intestines.

Special scanning devices are used by X-ray to study the liver, the spleen, and the contents of the pelvis.

Even with these new and remarkable methods, disorders within the abdomen still remain a mystery.

Physicians and surgeons sometimes suggest an exploratory operation or laparotomy to confirm the diagnosis.

At first, it may seem to a patient an extreme or dangerous way to approach a problem. With better understanding, patients learn that an exploratory operation may often be the safest and most definite way to establish the basis for hidden diseases with strange, unexplained symptoms.

With the special skills of the surgeon and the expert training of the anesthesiologist, the procedure has many advantages and in most instances can pinpoint a definite cause and even cure the underlying condition.

An exploratory operation is done only after consultation between the physician and surgeon who carefully evaluate all its advantages and safety.

Low back pain seems to describe a very definite condition but, in reality, is a very complex and diffuse disorder that has many divisions and subdivisions.

Besides injuries caused by lifting heavy weights, too strenuous exercise, and unusual change of posture, low back

pain may be caused by birth abnormalities, arthritis, bone disease, and circulatory disorders. One must not overlook psychological causes of low back pain.

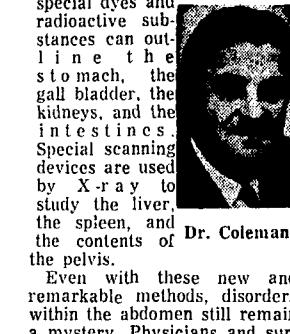
Too often, people with low back pain become their own diagnostician. They buy the usual supporting belts, change their mattresses to firmer ones, and carry their bed board with them wherever they go. I never did quite understand why low back pain is ever used as a "social distinction" when, in reality, it is really so commonplace.

All of these methods of self-treatment have some advantage, but, in many instances, keep the victim from seeking the advice of a physician to find the exact cause.

The osteopathic physician is trained in the theory that the structure of the body and its changes are responsible for many specific illnesses. Manipulation is used as a corrective technique by him. Many of these osteopathic doctors are highly trained and know the value of their specialty and also its limitations. This concept of knowing accomplishments and limitations holds true for every phase of medicine. There is one specific danger that must be pointed out and that is that manipulation by a chiropractor who practices with remarkably little training or knowledge of general medicine can delay finding out the exact cause for low back pain. X-ray studies and neurological tests almost always can establish the exact reason for back pain and the proper form of treatment can be started.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Start sun tanning slowly. Avoid the unpleasantness of a severe burn.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.



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ST. JOSEPH, MICH., TUESDAY, MAY 27, 1969

ANOTHER POLICEMAN WAS READY TO SHOOT

Twelve Testify At Inquest

Jury Is Probing Death Of Black Man At Niles

By JERRY KRIEGER
County-Farm Editor

BUCHANAN—A Niles police captain testified at an inquest here Monday into the fatal shooting of a former Green Beret sergeant that he was drawing his gun to fire at the victim when another officer, defending himself, shot and killed the Negro.

Trooper Slain In Holdup

Robbery Occurs At Apartment

DETROIT (AP) — A young Michigan State Police trooper was shot to death Monday as he sought to foil holdup in progress in his apartment building.

Trooper Carl P. Lindberg, 22, was dead on arrival at a northwest Detroit hospital. Authorities said he had been shot in the face, possibly with his own gun.

Police sought two men, one in his 20s and one in his 50s.

Police said Lindberg was called to the apartment by the manager of the building, who said the woman tenant was being held up. The manager said he heard the woman say, "Please don't take our life savings."

Lindberg took his service revolver and went to the apartment. Neighbors said they heard four or five shots fired.

A gun was found on Lindberg's body but his service revolver was missing.

An undetermined amount of money was taken.

Gobles Hires Police Officer

GOBLES—Harley Wisely, 32, has been hired by the City of Gobles as a part-time police officer to assist police chief Glen Breed. Wisely is married to the former Joane Budzinski of Gobles. They have two children. Wisely assumed his duties on

12 PERSONS HEARD

A seven-member, all-white jury selected at random from the Fifth District jury list heard 12 witnesses testify Monday to events surrounding the death of Walter Ward, 26, a former Dowagiac high school athletic star and two-year veteran of Green Beret service in Vietnam. Ward died almost instantly about 10:30 p.m. May 19 on the parking lot of a Niles BurgerChef drive-in when he was hit three times by bullets from the gun of Niles Patrolman Jerry Johnston during a racial disorder.

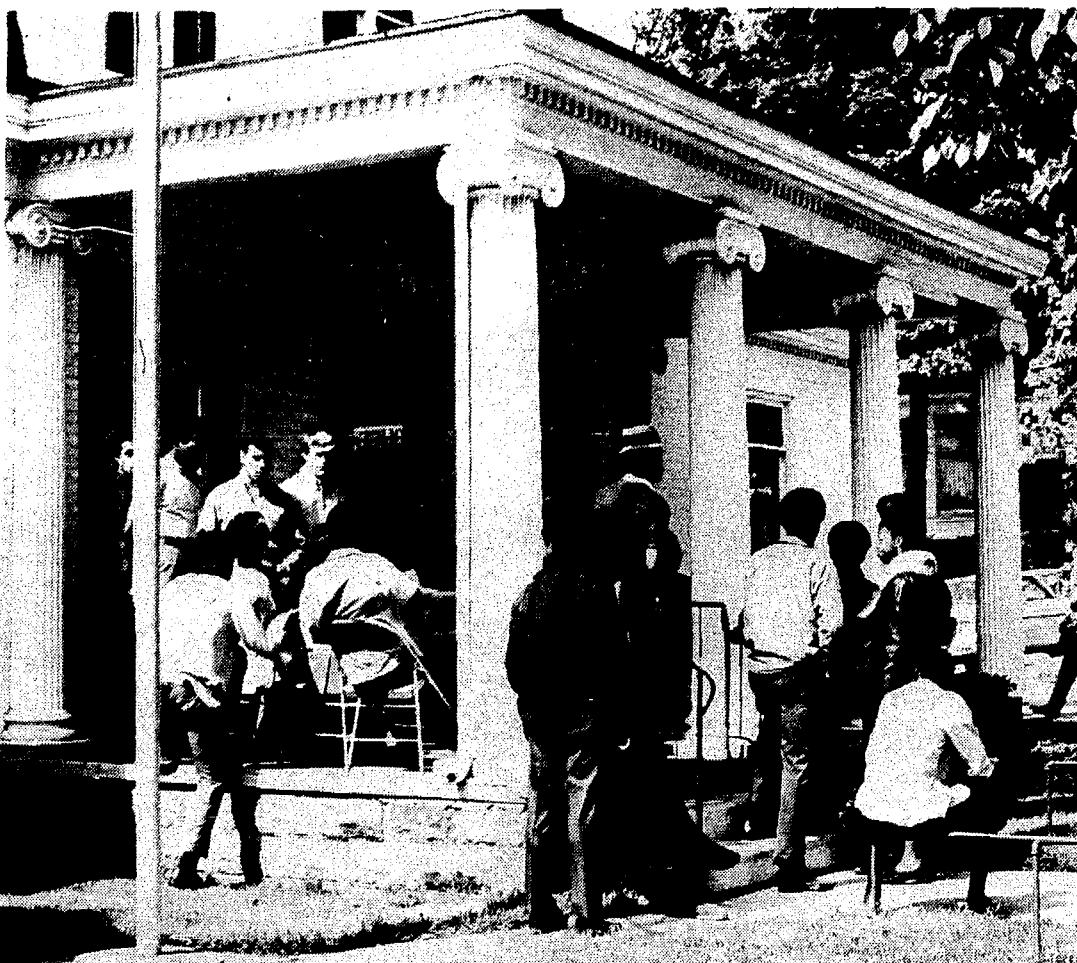
Eye witnesses to the actual shooting uniformly agreed yesterday Ward fired two shots before Officer Johnston, who was handling a police dog in a crowd control effort, returned fire.

Four Negroes and one white witness, however, said it appeared to them Ward had fired at the dog in front of the officer and not at the officer, after the dog lunged at, and appeared to have bitten Ward. The dog, it was generally agreed, was in front of the officer, and was anywhere from immediately at his feet to two or three feet in front of him. They variously estimated the victim and the officer blazed away with only eight to 10 feet separating them.

POINTED AT DOG'

Mrs. Tillie Anderson, a Niles Negro who was seated in her car at the drive-in at the time with a white woman, said she heard Ward say "The dog bit me" and then go to his car, get a gun and turn and fire. Mrs. Anderson insisted Ward bent forward and pointed the gun toward the dog on the ground. She said her car window was open.

Her companion in the car, Miss Connie Dunifin, white, told of two impact marks apparently caused by bullets fired by Ward. One was a small hole in



WAITING WITNESSES: Some of the nearly 25 young persons who were at Niles drive-in restaurant when Walter L. Ward, Negro, former Green Beret sergeant was killed by white police officer May 19 wait on colonnaded porch of Buchanan city

BULLET HIS ARTERY

Dr. Salvatore Cilella, pathologist at Pawtaw Hospital and assistant deputy medical examiner for Berrien County, said it appeared the first bullet to hit Ward was one that struck the chest and severed the aorta, the large artery that carries fresh blood away from the heart. Other wounds were in the right flank and in the right cheek. These wounds, although severe, produced little bleeding, leading to his conclusion that the slug that severed the aorta was the first to strike Ward.

Dr. Cilella said the slug in the chest coursed in a downward direction inside the body. He told the court that he conjectured Ward, a man who stood six feet, five inches tall, was bent forward in an "aggressive crouch" when hit by the first

APPEARED IN PAIN

Fox told the court he had seen Johnston's dog lunge at Ward and that Ward had grabbed his leg, as if in pain. He added the dog also had bitten a Negro teen-ager, Sammy Williams, at the scene a short time earlier.

Fox quoted Johnston as replying: "I'm sorry it happened. I didn't want to, but I had to. He was shooting at me."

PULSE DISAPPEARED

Dissler added that Ward's pulse disappeared shortly after he arrived and tried to offer first aid.

Mickey Ivey, a young Niles Negro, said he was standing near Ward's car when he suddenly saw Ward shoot twice "at the ground," and saw Officer Johnston shoot three times. He testified he heard the officer say, "Well, he shot at me."

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FOOTNOTES

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slug from the officer's .357 Magnum pistol. The medical examiner, who conducted an autopsy of the body the next morning, said in response to a question from Judge Pollard, that he found no signs of any dog bite marks on the slain young man's legs.

Trooper Hall, formerly of Benton Harbor, said the interval between the two sets of shots was 1½ to two seconds.

Trooper Dissler said when he arrived on the scene about a minute after the shooting, a crowd surrounded the fallen Ward.

"All citizens were saying 'He could have wounded him, he didn't have to kill him,'" Dissler added.

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ST. IGNACE (AP) — Memorial Day traffic is expected to break all records for the holiday at the Mackinac Bridge, reports Bridge Authority Chairman Prentiss M. Brown.

Brown said with the 60 per cent reduction in bridge fares, traffic so far this month has been running 25 per cent above a year ago. The fee for one car, its driver and passengers, is \$1.50.

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Another 15 to 20 witnesses were subpoenaed to testify today, including Officer Johnston who was put on paid leave by the Niles police department in the wake of the shooting.

County prosecutor Ronald Taylor, who with Assistant Prosecutor Maurice Nelson, was assisting the court with the questioning, suggested that Fox, when he testified seeing the dog apparently bite Ward, had told a different story from sworn testimony taken last week in Niles.

Taylor read from a transcript of the earlier questioning that Fox had wondered why the dog hadn't tried to attack Ward.

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